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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. TURKS RULE OUT MOVEMENT ON CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS

TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS INHAN TOLD AMBASSADOR CRAWFORD JULY 31 THAT AS LONG AS MAKARIOS PRETENDS HE IS THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT AND THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS ARE ONLY AN ADMINISTRATION, THERE CAN BE NO PROGRESS IN ANY CYPRUS NEGOTIATIONS. INVEIGHING AGAINST GREEK PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS' HELSINKI SPEECH, INHAN STRESSED:

--THE GREEKS MUST MAKE NEW PROPOSALS ACCEPTING THE NEW REALITIES OR WAIT FOREVER.

--IF THE SITUATION CONTINUES AT PRESENT, TURKEY MAY HAVE TO SUPPORT THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS IN THEIR DESIRE TO DECLARE AN INDEPENDENT STATE--OR EVEN TOTALLY OCCUPY THE ISLAND IF IT APPEARS DOUBLE ENOSIS WOULD FOLLOW PARTITION.
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INHAN ALSO ATTEMPTED TO JUSTIFY THE CLOSING OF US COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN CYPRUS AS THE RESULT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOTS' DEEP EMOTIONAL REACTION TO THE CONGRESS VOTE. HE

SUGGESTED THAT THE QUESTION OF AMERICAN ACCESS TO THE FACILITIES AND MOVEMENT OF EQUIPMENT WERE MATTERS FOR LATER DISCUSSION. (CONFIDENTIAL) NICOSIA 2381, 7/31.)

2. GREECE: ELEMENTS FOR AEGEAN SETTLEMENT WITH TURKEY

MINISTER OF DEFENSE AVEROFF TOLD AMBASSADOR KUBISCH JULY 31 THAT HE BELIEVED ALL THE COMPONENTS OF THE AEGEAN DISPUTE WITH TURKEY WERE CONDUCIVE TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND CITED THE RECENT COMPLETION OF "ROUND TWO" IN THE AEGEAN AIR SPACE TALKS AS EVIDENCE OF PROGRESS. HOWEVER, HE WARNED, NO OVERALL SETTLEMENT WAS POSSIBLE WITHOUT A SOLUTION TO THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WHICH WOULD:

--SATISFY THE "SENSE OF DIGNITY" OF GREECE; AND

--LEAVE THE GREEK MAJORITY ON CYPRUS WITH THE ABILITY TO LEAD PRODUCTIVE LIVES.

AVEROFF CONCURRED WITH AMBASSADOR KUBISCH'S OBSERVATION THAT PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS APPARENTLY BELIEVES THE KEY TO A CYPRUS SOLUTION LIES IN A PERCENTAGE ARRANGEMENT AND OPINED THAT A FIGURE OF "TWENTY FIVE PERCENT" OF THE LAND UNDER TURKISH CYPRIOT CONTROL WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. (CONFIDENTIAL) ATHENS 5805, 7/3L.)

3. TENSIONS RISE BETWEEN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL

EMBASSY MADRID REPORTS THAT INCIDENTS ON BOTH SIDES ARE CAUSING AN INCREASE IN POLITICAL TENSIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND PORTUGAL.

--THE SPANISH HAVE SHELTERED EXILES FROM THE PREVIOUS DICTATORSHIP AND SUPPOSEDLY ALLOWED GENERAL SPINOLA TO VISIT SPAIN TO CONSULT WITH HIS SUPPORTERS.

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--THE PORTUGUESE HAVE BEEN BEAMING PROPAGANDA AT SPAIN AND HAVE SANCTIONED ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGAL BY SPAIN'S LEFTIST OPPOSITION.

--ALSO, PORTUGAL'S FAILING TOURISM HAS CAUSED IT TO PRESS SPAIN TO BALANCE THEIR TRADE ACCOUNTS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: SPAIN AND PORTUGAL HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY SUCCESSFUL SINCE APRIL 1975, PARTICULARLY UNDER FOREIGN MINISTERS SOARES AND ANTUNES, IN MAINTAINING FRIENDLY RELATIONS DESPITE STRAINS STEMMING FROM PORTUGAL'S RAPIDLY CHANGING POLITICAL SITUATION. ANTUNES' REPLACEMENT BY A PERSONALITY LESS FAMILIAR WITH SPAIN OR WITH A LEFTIST ORIENTATION WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY MAKE IT MORE DIFFICULT TO MAINTAIN FRIENDLY

RELATIONS. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 5292, 7/31.)

3. JAPANESE POSITION ON STATUS OF PLO UNCHANGED

A FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY TOKYO THAT DESPITE SOME NEW WORDING USED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA TO SEVERAL ARAB AMBASSADORS IN A MEETING JULY 29, THE GOJ'S POLICY TOWARD THE PLO REMAINS UNCHANGED. MIYAZAWA TOLD THE AMBASSADORS OF SAUDI ARABIA, EGYPT AND KUWAIT THAT THE GOJ:

--"REGARDS THE PLO AS THE LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE;" AND

--CONSIDERS ARAFAT THE LEGITIMATE SPOKESMAN OF THE PLO, IN LINE WITH THE JAPANESE VOTE LAST YEAR IN FAVOR OF HIS APPEARANCE AT THE UNGA.

HOWEVER, THE GOJ DOES NOT REGARD THE PLO AS A GOVERNMENT AND HAS CAUTIONED THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES' AMBASSADOR THAT THE PLO DELEGATE IN TOKYO IS ACCREDITED ONLY AS A MEMBER OF THE UAE EMBASSY. (CONFIDENTIAL) TOKYO 10556, 7/31.)

4. ARGENTINA: HOW POWERFUL IS LABOR?

WHILE ORGANIZED LABOR IS RAPIDLY GAINING THE REPUTATION OF BEING THE DOMINANT POLITICAL POWER, EMBASSY BUENOS AIRES SUGGESTS THAT GROWING INTERNAL DIVISIONS WITHIN THE MOVEMENT
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MAY PREVENT LABOR FROM REACHING THE PINNACLE OF POWER.

--INCREASINGLY, WORKERS ARE REJECTING THEIR LEADERS AND DEPOSING THOSE WHO THEY FEEL HAVE PAID LITTLE ATTENTION IN THE PAST TO THEIR LEGITIMATE ECONOMIC ASPIRATIONS.

--THE LEFTISTS ARE EXTREMELY ACTIVE AMONG THE RANK AND FILE, CREATING A POTENTIALLY HOSTILE CLASS WHICH WILL BE UNLIKELY TO ACCEPT FUTURE DECISIONS MADE BY THE NATIONAL LEADERS.

--LABOR'S INTERNAL DIFFERENCES ARE LIKELY TO BE EXACERBATED RATHER THAN AMELIORATED BY DEVELOPING EVENTS.

WHILE LABOR WILL HAVE INFLUENCE ON FUTURE GOVERNMENTS, ITS POSITION WILL NOT BE PREDOMINANT SINCE OTHERS ARE LIKELY TO OUTMANUEVER ITS POLITICALLY INEPT LEADERS. IF ALL ELSE

FAILS, THE MILITARY, ARGENTINA'S ONLY DISCIPLINED SECTOR, WILL BE THE FINAL ARBITER OF POWER. (CONFIDENTIAL) BUENOS AIRES 5134, 7/30.)
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